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HOUSE APPROVES FUNDING FOR MEDFORD COMPANY TO CONTINUE WORK ON AIRLESS TIRES FOR THE MILITARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the U.S. House of Representatives has approved his request for \$5 million in next year's budget for the Defense Department to help continue the design and development of an airless vehicle tire for the military by Medford-based Resilient Technologies LLC and the University of Wisconsin.

“For a military convoy a flat tire is not just an inconvenience; it can be a deadly problem. Developing tires that will allow vehicles to continue to roll no matter what is thrown at them is a real priority for the military and could be the difference between life and death for our troops in the field,” said Obey. “I’m glad the House approved my request for these funds to help continue the development of an airless tire and to keep good jobs here in our community.”

Resilient is in the final stages of developing a next-generation spring-suspended airless tire that would maintain form, shape and function in the face of attack or wear and tear, thus increasing the safety of soldiers on the move.

The defense budget was passed by the House over the weekend. However, it must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law. “But having these funds included in the House approved version means a major hurdle has been cleared,” Obey concluded.

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